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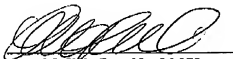
REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested. Claims 1-14 and 16-26 are currently pending and stand rejected. Applicant has amended claims 1, 14, and 21. No new matter has been added. The foregoing amendment and the following remarks place this application in condition for allowance or, in the alternative, in better form for appeal. Entry of this Amendment is therefore respectfully requested.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for suggesting additional changes to place this case in condition for allowance in a recent telephonic interview. Applicant has incorporated the changes suggested by the Examiner. Entry and allowance of the amendment are respectfully requested.

All objections and rejections having been addressed, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance, and a Notice to that effect is earnestly solicited. Applicant believes that no additional fees are necessary, however, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-1482 in the name of Carlson, Gaskey & Olds for any additional fees or credit the account for any overpayment.

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I hereby certify that this amendment is being facsimile transmitted to the United States Patent and Trademark Office, (703) 872-9306, on November 19, 2004.


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